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**Kazuo SAMEJIMA et al:** : **MID-MOUNT MOWER HAVING A**  
: **MOWER UNIT DISPOSED BETWEEN**  
: **FRONT AND REAR WHEELS**  
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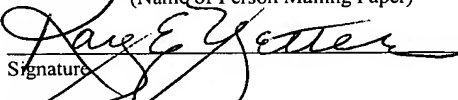
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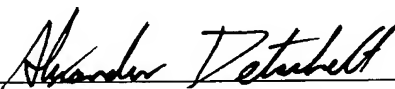
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